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Greetings GLAO Family,

What an amazing year we have had thus far! This is my final virtual message to you as GLAO President and I would like to begin by thanking each of you for the many things you have done to support the realization of the organization's mission and vision. We have taken some significant steps towards promoting and protecting the profession and should all be very proud of our great constituency and the impact that we have been able to make together!

We are now **less than 60 days** away from the **2024 GLAO/MASO Annual Session** and an incredible time for us as an organization to **Reflect, Refresh, and Renew**. I am pleased to share that registration for the **2024 GLAO/MASO Annual Session** at the **Westin Frenchman's Reef** in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands on **October 18-20, 2024**, continues to proceed well. As of August 15, we have approximately **380** registrants from all over the country. We remain very excited about the 2024 annual session and the wonderful opportunity it will provide for you and your team to both grow and relax. While we are logging some great numbers, we still have some work to do. I would love to see the number of registrants eclipse **500** individuals, but we need your help to reach this goal. I hope that as you read this message that you are already registered to attend the meeting. If you have not made your plans to join us in St. Thomas, I encourage you to go to our [2024 GLAO/MASO annual session](#) website and register today! Moreover, I challenge you to identify **two colleagues** and invite them and their staff to the meeting. If they have not thought about attending or have not found the time to register, your invitation could be just the thing that motivates them to take the next step and complete the registration process. We have planned a great program, in a wonderful venue, with the two best AAO constituencies in the US... what more could you ask for in a meeting. So, I hope that you will take a few minutes today to pick up the phone and contact two of your colleagues about the awesome meeting we will have this October.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)



[Register by Sept. 12th to receive discounted rates!](#)

[Make your hotel reservation at the Westin Beach Resort & Spa at Frenchman's Reef by Sept. 25th to receive the group rate!](#)

[Check out all the Annual Session Details!](#)

We look forward to seeing you in St. Thomas!

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GLAO Coffee Chat

SEPT. 21, 2024
8:30 AM ET



*Join your GLAO colleagues for a VIRTUAL
COFFEE :*

Saturday, September 21st, 8:30-9:30 am ET

*We will discuss Orthodontic Health Month
and the AAO's Bullying Bites Campaign!*

GLAO Virtual Coffee Chats provide an opportunity for informal discussion and interactions with GLAO leaders and colleagues on topics of interest.

The next Coffee Chat will take place on Saturday, September 21st from 8:30-9:30 am and the discussion topic will be: **Get Ready for National Orthodontic Health Month and the AAO's National Anti-bullying Initiative.** AAO Chair of the Bullying Bites campaign, and GLAO Member, Dr. Jashleen Bedi, will share updates on AAO efforts at a national and state level, what resources are available to AAO members, and discuss how members can become involved to help take a bite out of bullying. The GLAO President, Dr. Kelton Stewart will serve as Moderator for the interactive discussion.

Sign up today to receive your Zoom link and add it to your calendar.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

2024 GLAO ELECTION

GLAO 2024-2025 ELECTION RESULTS

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2025 DELEGATES & ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Dr. Mariela Anderson (2025)
Dr. Jashleen Bedi (2025)
Dr. Allison Bergdoll (2025)
Dr. Tarek ElShebiny (2025-26)
Dr. Nelson (Nick) Hersh (2025-26)
Dr. Valerie D. Martone (2025-26)
Dr. John F. Monticello (2025-26)
Dr. J. Martin Palomo (2025)
Dr. Scott O. Schulz (2025)
Dr. Kelton T. Stewart (2025-26)
Dr. Josephine Weeden (2025-26)

Congratulations to all those elected!
Thank you to all the members who voted!

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

Dr. David Albright - *Summerville, SC*
Dr. Robert Boyko - *Burlington, ON*
Dr. Gary Cartwright - *Eighty Four, PA*
Dr. Robert Colter - *Terre Haute, IN*
Dr. Andrew Connor - *Lancaster, OH*
Dr. Gary Golovan - *Pepper Pike, OH*
Dr. Maria Haas - *Wadsworth, OH*
Dr. Lamont Jacobs - *Hamilton, OH*
Dr. Charles Krause - *Wexford, PA*

Dr. Charles Manilla - West Ch
Dr. Robert Mortimer - Murrysville, PA
Dr. Michael Nippert - Millersburg, OH

The GLAO has been notified of the passing of these members. Our thoughts are with their family members.

Dr. Larry K. Agesen - Rochester Hills, MI
Dr. Robert Boyko - Etobicoke, ON
Dr. Stanley Braun - Indianapolis, IN
Dr. Frederick L. Spath - Lafayette, IN

2024 AAO House of Delegates

Delegation Chair Report

Your May 2024 GLAO delegation represented our constituent well. We approved the AAO Budget for FY24-25 and helped to keep our AAO dues at \$817.

For those who wonder what Delegates do at the AAO Annual Session, I will give you some insight. Delegates spend two days at the AAO Annual Session working on behalf of their constituents. Beginning with the 2025 Annual Session, the schedule is changing. Wednesday night, there is a delegate reception where we meet and greet other delegates and casually discuss resolutions together. Thursday morning, we have an early breakfast, caucus with our delegations all morning, grab a quick bite and then attend the 1st Session of the House of Delegates (HOD). Directly after the 1st House, the delegates attend reference committee meetings and lobby our positions on the resolutions. Thursday night, we attend the Leadership Events with all AAO leaders. On Sunday morning, the Constituents caucus again and attend the 2nd Session of the HOD at noon when voting of resolutions occur. FYI- members place \$1 bets on when the HOD will end. I have always enjoyed representing the GLAO at the HOD and seeing how the AAO is run.



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[Click Here](#) to read more.

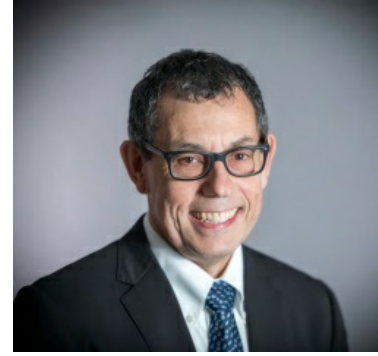
AAO Trustee Report

Simon Sinek-AAO Inspiring Leadership Program and more...

It is back to school time and your AAO wishes to provide you with the best resources to make your practice successful and flourish. To this end, we have developed another exciting and unique learning opportunity for you (our members). We have partnered with Simon Sinek (an author and [inspirational speaker](#) on business leadership) and his Optimism Company to develop the Simon Sinek-AAO Inspiring Leadership Program. Simon's books include [Start with Why](#) (2009) and [The Infinite Game](#) (2019)

The Simon Sinek-AAO Inspiring Leadership program is comprised of 6 self-paced modules taught by Simon Sinek and three of his most trusted collaborators. To set up each module, custom video content featuring a conversation between Simon Sinek and Dr. Trista Felty where they discuss challenges orthodontists face relevant to the specific module. After the lesson, an AAO member provides authentic stories of how they apply concepts in their own practice. Each module includes a downloadable workbook and specific implementation resources. Peer-to-peer support is provided through a private Facebook Group.

[Click Here](#) to read more.



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ABO News and Information

ABO Announces Newly Certified/Recertified Orthodontists for Second Quarter 2024

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) announces that an additional three orthodontists



have completed the banking process and have become newly certified during the second quarter of 2024. In addition, another 51 orthodontists have completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements. ABO Board Certification is a voluntary credential that represents an orthodontist's personal and public commitment to the standards of specialty practice and lifelong learning.

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Attaining first-time ABO certification requires successful completion of the Written Examination and then the Clinical Examination. Orthodontists gaining recertification must successfully complete the Recertification Examination and requirements.

“On behalf of the American Board of Orthodontics, I congratulate all those who have recently completed the certification or certification renewal process,” said Dr. Jae H. Park, ABO 2024-2025 president. “They should be complimented for the elevation of the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification or recertification.”

The ABO currently represents 63% of AAO membership.

To learn more about ABO certification and the Scenario-Based Clinical Examination, visit www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com. The website offers information about the Clinical and Written Examinations, including study aids and registration information.

The following are the recertified orthodontists in the GLAO.

Dr. Rush M. Davidson
Dr. Celia E. Fenell

Dr. Crystal L. Riley
Dr. Bradley C. Stieper

AAOF

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NEWSLETTER

AAOF Advancing the Specialty®
AAO American Association of Orthodontists

New President of the AAO Foundation Board of Directors
Dr. Lili Horton (PCSO/HI) began her term as AAO Foundation Board President at the conclusion of the AAO Annual Session in New Orleans. Dr. James Klarsch (MSO/MO) is the new President-Elect.

New Constituent Directors for AAO Foundation Board
Dr. Normand Boucher will fill the MASO board vacancy left as Dr. Orhan Tuncay's term ended. **Dr. Neal Kravitz** will take on the role of the SAO Representative as Dr. Wanda Claro's term ended, and **Dr. J. Martin Palomo** will step in as the GLAO constituent director with the ending of Dr. Mark Berkman's term. These newly elected board members will attend their first meeting in July.

AAO Foundation National Vanguard Society Chair
Dr. Mark Berkman (GLAO) steps into his new role on the AAO Foundation Board as the National Vanguard Society Chair, working with residents and educating them on charitable giving through the AAO Foundation.



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[Click Here](#) to read the AAOF Summer Update.

AAO PAC

Fiscal year 2023-24 was a banner year for the AAO PAC. Our contribution goal was \$430,000. Our contributions by the end of the FY totaled \$473,000 943-ten percent over goal. An outstanding demonstration of effort by the AAO advocacy team, and our AAO membership. The GLAO goal was \$47,240. Our contributions totaled \$43,240. That's mighty close, and very good considering that the National Advocacy Network is in its early development.



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A new fiscal year brings new challenges and new goals. The AAOPAC contribution goal for FY 24/25 is \$460,000. That should be an easy achievement considering it is less than our last year's total.

The goal for GLAO is \$47,000. The GLAO has proven our commitment to the PAC by having 100% of our delegates contribute during the annual session challenge. Let's meet our goal this year!

Thanks to our PAC Captains, Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham (Ohio), Dr. Tasha Hall (Indiana). Dr. George Bork (Michigan). We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the AAOPAC. It is difficult to ask for PAC contributions. You folks are doing an excellent job for the AAO membership!

If you have questions about the PAC, you may reach out to me or your state's PAC Captain.

If you would like to participate in the newly organized, but rapidly expanding in size and influence, National Advocacy Network (NAN) text "NAN" to 52886, or email Kim VanVeen, AAO Specialist of Grassroots and Digital Advocacy (kvanveen@aaortho.org).

Want to see your PAC dollars at work? Check out this [AAO Bulletin](#). And while you are at it, check out the latest issue of [Orthodontic Advocate](#).

GLAO Component Updates

Below are links to the most current reports.

[Indiana](#)

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AAO Council Featured Reports

AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits

The AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits met on June 1, 2024, in person.

Our priority items discussed and identified included:

- 1) Hosted many outside speakers to facilitate our Council development:
 - a. Dr. Samantha Jordan (Dental Director of Mass Health) - discussed new OGS codes
 - b. Trey Lawrence (AAO CEO) – discussed micro volunteer opportunities within the AAO
 - c. Brett Schott (Vice President AAOF) – discussed fellowship opportunity with Dr. Natalia Chalmers



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- 2) Updated the definition of Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care with modernized language.
 - a. Proposed this updated definition to the Board of Trustees
- 3) Identified successes/relationships established at outside Industry Meetings.
 - a. ADA CMC, AADC, NADP



Our primary goals of the council in the upcoming year include:

- 1) Facilitate fulfilling a fellowship position with Dr. Chalmers (CMS Dental Director) from the AAO.
 - a. The fellow will assist in collecting data re: orthodontic Medicaid criteria throughout the country
 - b. The fellow will be funded via the AAOF
- 2) Continue working on Member Education Resources for our membership
- 3) Review the current orthodontic insurance code set and identify the need for any changes.
 - a. Survey the membership to facilitate membership responses.
 - i. Identify any consequences/benefits for making edits to the orthodontic code set.
 - b. Concurrently update the CDT At-A -Glance to add new codes, sleep apnea codes, evaluate for possibility of adding a QR code

We look forward to our winter meeting which will be held via Zoom in January

AAO Council on Scientific Affairs

During Annual Session, COSA members judged 28 William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award presentations and 31 Table Clinic presentations.

COSA members moderated 16 Oral Research presentations and the Hellman, Sicher, Graber lectures.

There were 246 E-Posters available for viewing during Annual Session.



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The 2024 William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award winners are:



From left to right bottom row:
COSA chair Jose Bosio; **Mary Cruz Contreras Salas**; **Flavia Gomes Velasque Gama**; **Emelia Karkazis**; **Seung Ah Jung**; **Emily Leach**; **Mohamed Adel**

Basic Science Research

First place: **Flavia Gomes Velasque Gama - University of Connecticut**
Research title: The Effects of FGF18 in a Mouse Model for TMJ Fibrocartilage Degradation

Second place: **Emelia Karkazis - University of Illinois-Chicago**
Research title: Bone Characterization in a Novel Dicer-Deficiency Osteocyte Transgenic Mouse Model

Third place: **Mary Cruz Contreras Salas - University of Pennsylvania**

Clinical Research

First place: **Mohamed Adel - University of Kentucky**

Research title: Precision Assessment of Facial Asymmetry Using 3D Facial Imaging and Artificial Intelligence

Second place: **Emily Leach - University of Nebraska**

Research title: Disposal of Orthodontic Clear Aligners: Out of Sight out of Mind?

Third place: **Seung Ah Jung - University of the Pacific**

Research title: Nasal Cavity Changes in Growing Patients Treated with MARPE: 3D Superimposition Study



Judges for the 2024 William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award from left to right
Bottom row: Eser Tufekci, Marilia Yatabe
Middle row: Burcu Bayirli, Sumit Yadav, Michael Duryea
Back row: Jose Bosio, Kelton Stewart, Thikriat Al-Jewair, Jeff Nickel, Helder Jacob

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Below are links to the most current AAO Council Reports.

[Council on Communications \(COC\)](#)

[AAO CAP and Member Communications](#)

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[Council on Governmental Advocacy \(COGA\)](#)

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[Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns \(COMEJC\)](#)

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[Council on New and Younger Members \(CONYM\)](#)

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Special Committee on Women Orthodontists (SCWO)

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GLAO Information

Call for Award Nominations!

Consider nominating a GLAO colleague for an award! See the GLAO website (www.GLAO.org) for a [nomination form](#) and a [complete listing of all awards](#), descriptions and past recipients. Nominations will be accepted by the GLAO office until the close of Business, October 29, 2024.

AAO Information

Join the National Advocacy Network Today!

The legislative process, and those who serve in Congress, is constantly changing. Whether we seek to support legislation or regulation that will improve patient care or to prevent anything that could impede the ability to treat patients, it is important to be engaged in the process and proactive. With this comes an emergent need to ensure our interests are best represented at state and provincial legislatures and within state and provincial regulatory bodies. There has never been a better time to get involved at the ground level as an advocacy volunteer leader at the AAO – which is why we invite you to consider applying for the National Advocacy Network (NAN).

Within the NAN there are opportunities to lead the charge within your home component and across the United States and Canada to inspire real, ground-breaking change – both within your own community and across state and provincial lines to the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament.

An inaugural opportunity exists in the form of the newly established and award-winning National Advocacy Network. Two distinct roles are available to U.S. and Canadian members, and we invite you now to join the outstanding roster of changemakers who have stepped up to lead the charge in not just raising AAOPAC contributions to aid our federal legislative and regulatory work – but to protect and defend the specialty at home.

There are two ways for you to become more involved:

- Component Advocacy Liaison (CAL): open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- AAOPAC Captain: open to US membership

If you'd like to learn more, text "NAN" to 52886, or email Kim VanVeen, AAO Specialist of Grassroots and Digital Advocacy (kvanveen@aaortho.org).

Together, we can – and will – lead the charge of protecting patient health.

Get Connected

- Join the **GLAO Facebook Page!**
[Click Here](#) and sign into Facebook and follow our page.



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